

puts the madness into the brain of more than half of our murderers, "only beer" that starts on the road to ruin nine tenths of the boys who recruit the great army of drunkards. "Only beer?" How could it be anything worse?"

Miss Frances E. Willard spoke wisely when she said: The most pointed and practical standard of daily living of which I can think is to permit in one's self no open habit or deed that others might not safely imitate, and no secret habit that one would be ashamed to have the best and purest know. That would be living as in God's sight each moment.

We can always trust God to answer prayer, that is the prayer of faith. He may not always answer just as we expect him to answer, and he may not always give us just what we ask for, but he always gives as good a thing or a better thing than we ask for. An old English preacher very quaintly remarks: "Good prayers never come weeping home. If God does not always answer according to our will, he yet answers according to our well."

It is far better to do our work because we love to do it, but it is infinitely better to be forced to our work than not to work at all. Charles Kingsley says: "Thank God every morning that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and to do your best will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle never know."

Every temperance worker in the land has reasons to be encouraged over the victory in Canada. Those people have taught us an important lesson. One of the results of the election, as it is tersely put by one of the most eminent of the Queen's Counsel, Dr. J. J. Maclaren, is this: "It raised prohibition to the dignity of a national issue and has placed it upon that footing for good."

Since the beginning of the war with Spain there has been a very serious falling off of the collections for Peter's pence. An earnest appeal has been issued by the Roman Catholic Conference at Crefeld for an increase in the collections. It says: "Until two years ago the collections exceeded \$800,000 and the Holy Father was able to give assistance to various objects. But for two years the collections have no longer reached half that amount. If this state of things continues, the Holy Father, with the obligations upon him, will come into an extreme and most precarious position. It is a condition of the greatest seriousness for the church, and may become full of danger."

The monkey theory of human origin would be less tenable were it not for the people who exhibit apish characteristics in their conduct. This long-tailed biology tells us that we have come up through pretty much the whole menagerie, which would be far more difficult to believe were it not for those who act like vipers, or pigs, or calves, or mules. We don't believe the evolution doctrine, however, notwithstanding all this crawling and four legged corroboration.

"Yes, he is tied to his mother's apron strings." Well sonny, you stay tied to your mother's apron strings just as long as God spares her to you. If the sneer tempts you to taste liquor, or smoke a cigarette, or use bad language, or keep swagger company, or do the many other things supposed to be manly by the "punkin" heads found in every community, so much the worse for you, my boy. That mother's apron string,—the sweetest, holiest, safest place in the world, the strongest cable to hold you back from sin. Many a time in the long journey before you, after

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that mother has been years and years in heaven, when you are bruised and weary and storm-tossed, you will long for the comfort and peace when you were tied to your mother's apron strings.

If you turn over the pepper stand you will have a sneezing repentance. Don't do it. Be wise when you are in company of the unfortunate brother or sister who is porcupinish. Poor fellows, they were born that way and can't help it. Then the sharp quills always turn in and sting their owner more cruelly than anyone else. One half of their spontaneous and impulsive acerbity should be pardoned to heredity, another half to a poor bringing up, and the remaining half to frazzled nerves. Exercise tact, sympathy and patience with gun-powderish people. You are different, of course. Observe yourself when under strong provocation, and see how different.

A holiness preacher in Salem, Va., said in a recent sermon: "You never hear a holiness man say, pray for me." Some of them teach that a sanctificationist cannot use the Lord's Prayer. He has no sins to be forgiven. These and like extravagances discredit the so-called "holiness doctrine" in the minds of rational people and Bible readers. Paul asked to be prayed for, and we do not read that the Lord made any distinctions when he set forth the model prayer. Strive for sanctification by all means, but if you find yourself in company with Presumption, doubtless you are on the wrong road.

Literary Notes

"The Wondrous Cross" and other sermons, by David J. Burrell, D. D., pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, will be published at once by Wilbur B. Ketcham, New York.

"The Unexpected Christ," a series of evangelistic sermons by Dr. Louis Albert Banks, is in press and will be published immediately by Wilbur B. Ketcham, New York.

The Preacher's Magazine for October contains various articles instructive and helpful to preachers and teachers. Dr. Madison C. Peters contributes the leading sermon, entitled "The Drink Question as a financial Problem," recently delivered at Ocean Grove, N. J., and most highly spoken of by those who heard it. It is very able. Dr. Alexander Whyte contributes a sermon entitled "The Preacher's Motive." The Outlines of Sermons are all by well known preachers. Rev. J. A. Clapperton continues his talks entitled "Pitfalls in Bible English." "Little Preachers in Nature," a Children's Sermon by Rev. Martin Lewis, is excellent, as are the Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons and Outlines on the Golden Texts, by the editor, William E. Ketcham, D. D. A good portrait of Dr. Peters, together with a sketch of his life, is in this number. Many other articles by well known authors of a helpful and suggestive nature will be found in this number. The magazine is published monthly at \$1.50 per year, single copies 15 cents. Wilbur B. Ketcham, publisher, 7 and 9 West Eighteenth street, New York.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW for October should command wide and earnest attention by reason of the timeliness and living interest of its varied contents. In the Review Section the articles are all of present and permanent value. Dr. G. Frederick Wright, of Oberlin, editor of the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, author of "Scientific Aspects of Christian Evidences," discusses "the standards of evidence which it is proper to set up as the basis of religious belief and activity." Prof. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., LL.D., of Louisville, Ky., treats of "The Homiletic Use of Other Men's Sermons." Prof. A. C. Zenos, D. D., of McCormick Theological Seminary, author of "The Elements of the Higher Criticism," gives a summary statement of "The Accredited Principles of the Higher Criticism," a task for which he has special qualifications. Prof. J. F. McCurdy closes the section with an article under "Light on Scriptural Texts from Re-

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cent Discoveries," presenting the light thrown on Sennacherib by recent archeological investigations. In the Seed-Thought Section—devoted especially to illustration—there is the usual fulness and variety, Prof. T. Harwood Pattison, of Rochester, and that veteran of the German Reformed Church, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, of Lancaster, joining with Drs. Arthur T. Pierson and Louis Albert Banks and others in offering their best special contributions to the pages of THE REVIEW.

In each of the editorial notes, as well as in each of the notices of books of homiletic value, will be found material of facts and principles for the foundations of a timely and inspiring sermon. The notes embrace such topics as "Religious Liberty in Russia," "The Fall of Khartum," "The Massacre in Crete," "The Divine Healer," "Profanity in Public," "The Assassination of an Empress," "The Czar's Peace Proposal," "The Remains of St. Patrick." "Our Blue Monday Club" is not forgotten. In short, THE REVIEW seeks to compass the entire range of ministerial needs.

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Church News

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Announcement

The Mt. Zion church will hold their communion service on the eve of Oct. 22, 1898. Come all who can. Brother Bowman please be with us at that time if you can.

M. HEFT.

Clover Creek Items

I want to thank the brethren of Johnstown for their kindness in sparing their pastor, brother E. E. Haskins, who came to assist us in the dedication of the new church to be known as the Fairview church of Bedford county. Brother Haskins did his part well, and our people join with their pastor in praying God's choicest blessings upon him for his labors among us. One precious soul was received into the church evening of dedication. At our regular appointment at this place on Sunday eve four made the good confession and requested baptism the same hour of the night. We have been having a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit in